

I am writing in support of the following legislation:

1. S.B 43, An Act Expanding the Recreational Land Use Act;
2. S.B. 90, An Act Concerning the Recreational Land Use Act;
3. H.B. 5254 An Act Expanding the Recreational Land Use Act.

As a resident of Columbia, I have been actively involved in the Columbia Trails Group for the past 5 years promoting and leading outdoor trails activities for residents and non residents. As a volunteer I will be unable to continue my involvement in these activities if this legislation is not supported. I now witness the apprehension amongst the leaders of small towns to approve certain events because of liability concerns. A simple guided walk, snow shoe hike, a bike ride on a rail trail or trail maintenance events should not limit or restrict volunteers and citizens from participating without requiring unenforceable liability waivers and requirements. Towns will also be forced to curtail or place specific restrictions on these outdoor activities due to limited human resources to manage and oversee this requirement. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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